Losses to NAFED

404. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of { AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether; t is a fact th'at National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Fe-_ deration of India (NAFED) has been run ning into losses year after year, if so, the details of the losses incurred during the years 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86 and

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item under the caption "Everything is wrong with NAFED' which published in the Hin dustan Times of January 27, 1987, high lighting laxity and mismanagement jn the organisation, if so, whether Govern ment have probed into its affairs, and *it* so, fne results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU}: (a) The profit and loss position of NAFED during the three years period is as under: —

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Profit/Loss
19S3-84	(—) a-4'
1984-85	(+) '-"8
985-86	(+) 3. 78

(b) Subsequent to the publication of the news reports'of NAFED on 27-1-1987 and 6-2-1987, the achievements of NAFED and its programme of activities have been reported by various Newspapers. om 18-2-1987. The Auditors- have submitted their Report on NAFED for 1985-86 t_0 Central Registrar. The Compliance of the Report will be considered by the General Body of NAFED on 12-3-1987. N_0 further action is contemplated by the Government at this stage.

Shortage of drinking water in Gujarat

405. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI; Will the Minister, of AGRICULTURE- be pleased to -state:

(a) whether it is a *tact* that scarcity, conditions prevail in several districts of Gujarat State;

(b) whether thousands of villagers in t'ne State are likely to face shortage of drinking water; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps Government have taken to assist the State Government in fighting the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV) j (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) •and (c) As per the Memorandum on Drought submitted by the Gujarat Government, 16 out of 19 districts j_n the State Viave been effected by drinking water scarcity. Following a visit to the State by a Central Team in January, 1987, the High Levej Committee on Relief of Central Government has recommended appropriate fin'aincial assistance to Gujarat.

Pilot project for rke productions

- 406. SHRI BASUDEB' MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE bo pleased to state;

(a) whether any pilot project was launched to increase rice productivity in Assam, Orissa, Bihar, West Bengal, Eastern Andhra Pradesh during 1984-85 and 1985-86; and

(b) if so, what is the rate ofgrowth of rice production in Eastern States after the introduction of the above project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) A pilot project